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To The Ravalli County Commissioners
And Their Liability Insurance Company

Ravalli County Commissioners

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cc: Skip & W. State I (gmu)

On August 1, 2007 at approximately 5:30 p.m. accompanied by my husband and two friends, Thomas and Teresa Olah I tripped on the curb and fell on the sidewalk while approaching the Hamilton House Pub from the Main Street side in Victor, Montana.

The proprietors of the restaurant assisted us in getting me up and inside to be comforted with ice on my right knee. At which time I was told about how this happens over and over and how the owners of the restaurant have complained to you the Commissioners.

I researched the Ravalli Republic printings to find the article written by reporter Anthony Quirini, dated May 24, 2007, and according to the article that without funds to replace the sidewalk, you, the commissioners decided to paint a yellow warning strip atop of the curb.

As of August 30, 2007, some 98 days from the article written, I find you the Commissioners extremely negligent, and still, no yellow stripe has been painted on the curb. Which to be quite frank, I am not sure that will rectify the problem. You can find 1,000's of dollars to front every committee in the county but you can not paint a yellow stripe to try to prevent further injuries.

After my fall, I was extremely sore and my knee hurt. I assumed that it may take a few days to have the soreness go away as I am 63 years old. On August 17, 2007 I saw my physician Dr. Peter Szekely at the Western Montana Clinic to have him examine my knee. At that point we decided to wait and see if it will heal itself and wait about 4 to 6 weeks, and if not, I am to come back to have a complete x-ray of my knee.

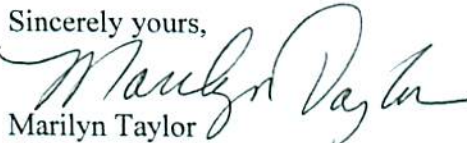
At this point, I have spent \$62.10 to visit with the Dr. and see no improvement.

I wish to be contacted by your insurance company in regards to opening a case and restitution of all expenses in regards to repairing my knee.

Please find copies of the two newspaper articles along with my doctor receipt for \$62.10.

I can be reached at (406) 961-3621 or (406) 360-2281.

Sincerely yours,



Marilyn Taylor
510 Cow Creek Lane
Corvallis, Mt 59828

Victor sidewalk present hazard to community

by ANTHONY QUIRINI - Ravalli Republic

"I have watched people with babies in their arms fall on top of them on the sidewalk after tripping on the boulevard," Mike Brower and Mary Hamilton wrote to commissioners.

Complaints to Ravalli County commissioners this week gave new meaning to a common children's limerick, "If you step on a crack, you'll break your mother's back.

Several citizens have twisted their ankles or tripped on a sidewalk in front of The Hamilton restaurant and pub in Victor, and residents want the commissioners to do something about it. Without funds to replace the sidewalk, commissioners decided to paint a yellow warning strip atop the curb.

The curb was recently redone as part of a Community Transportation Enhancement Program project, but it has an abrupt edge with a drop. According to former owners of The Hamilton, Mike Brower and Mary Hamilton, the dangerous sidewalk is hazardous to citizens.

"Since the finish of the construction we have watched one person after the other twist their ankles and fall down on the sidewalk," they wrote to commissioners. "I have watched people with babies in their arms fall on top of them on the sidewalk after tripping on the boulevard. Even after a minor tripping incident I hear people ask me 'so who do I sue?'"

They said at least one resident has been injured falling on the sidewalk.

"A serious injury is going to happen - it is just a matter of time," they said.

And because Victor isn't incorporated, the county could be liable for the sidewalk's condition.

"People are tripping in and out of there," the county's administrative director Skip Rosenthal said.

According to Rosenthal, it would cost about \$100 per foot to repair the sidewalk and boulevard, costing about \$160,000 to replace the entire sidewalk.

Rosenthal said he would look into landing some additional CTEP funds to permanently repair the project.

Reporter Anthony Quirini can be reached at 363-3300 or aquirini@ravallirepublic.com

Victor sidewalk unchanged, still dangerous

Commission fails to follow through with action

ANTHONY QUIRINI
STAFF REPORTER

A sidewalk in Victor continues to pose hazards to pedestrians. Ravalli County commissioners

decided in late May to paint a yellow warning strip atop the Main Street sidewalk because of continued complaints about its safety, but nothing has been done.

The sidewalk in front of The Hamilton restaurant and pub in Victor has been the scene of numerous trips and twisted ankles. The sidewalk has an area where there is an elevated section running along it, causing many citizens to

trip and fall. Just last week a pedestrian tripped on the sidewalk.

"I am a 63-year-old grandmother and on Aug. 1, I sprained my left foot, twisted my right knee and jerked my whole body," a resident complained. "I am in a lot of pain"

According to Mike Brower and Mary Hamilton, the sidewalk has been the scene of numerous incidents.

"I have watched people with babies in their arms fall on top of them on the sidewalk after tripping on the boulevard," they wrote to commissioners in May. "A serious injury is going to happen -- it is just a matter of time."

Because Victor is not incorporated, the county is responsible for the sidewalk's condition.

Forecast

Monday, Aug. 6



High: 84
Low: 54

Slight chance of thunderstorms, rain

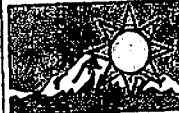
Tuesday, Aug. 7



High: 85
Low: 50

Slight chance of thunderstorms, rain

Wednesday, Aug. 8



High: 86
Low: 50

Scattered clouds, calm

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